Governments/Union Territories for implementation of the suggestions made therein.

(d) Does not arise.

Indian Institute of Management in Bihar

† 2203. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bihar Chief Minister has requested the Central Government to open Indian Institute of Management in Bihar for imparting management studies in the State:

(b) if so, the action taken by Government on the above letter;

(c) whether Government propose to open "Indian Institute of Management" in Bihar; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) A request was received from the Chief Minister of Government of Bihar to open an Indian Institute of Management in Bihar for imparting management studies in the State. The matter was examined and the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Government of Bihar was informed by the Human Resource Development Minister stating that to begin with, some of the already started national institutes have to consolidate themselves so that students from all over the country, including Bihar, could take advantage of facilities. Further extension of facilities by setting up of new national institutes, with Government funds, could be considered later. There is at present no proposal to establish an Indian Institute of Management in Bihar by the Government of India.

Professional education for weaker sections

2204. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether higher and professional education is getting out of

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